



## RATE CLASSIFICATION RESULTS IN SAVINGS TO PROPERTY OWNERS



# FEMA

Weston city officials are pleased to announce that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has advised that our community classification has been increased to a Class 7 rating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS).

This rating qualifies certain Weston property owners to receive up to a **15 percent discount** on the cost of flood insurance for NFIP flood insurance policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas on or after May 1, 2014. This is an additional 5% over the previous 10% discount available as a Class 8 rating.

Preferred Risk Policies, applicable in Zones B, C, and X on the NFIP Flood Insurance Rate Map are not eligible for the CRS discount. Standard rated flood insurance policies in Zones B, C, X, D, AR and A99 are limited to a CRS discount of 5% in CRS Class 7-9 communities. The rates for these zones already reflect significant premium reductions. To see what zone your property is in, search the new Broward FEMA Flood Map at: [Broward FEMA Flood Map Effective August 18, 2014](#).

The City's rating in the CRS has been entered into a nationwide database utilized by insurance agents to write and rate flood insurance coverage.

Property owners and renters in the City of Weston may purchase flood insurance from any State-licensed property and casualty insurance agent.

Weston is one of over 1,200 communities nationwide (out of 22,000 eligible NFIP participating communities) that has chosen to participate in the voluntary CRS program, which tackles the challenging reality of flood risks. Participation in the CRS provides a discount for property owners through a city's implementation of a floodplain management program that exceeds minimum NFIP standards, and other activities that encourage community awareness and education of hazard mitigation opportunities which ultimately reduce the impacts of flooding disasters.

Credit for this accomplishment goes out to our Public Works Director Karl Thompson and his staff, along with contract service providers Calvin, Giordano and Associates and CAP Government whose efforts to attain this rating classification are greatly appreciated.

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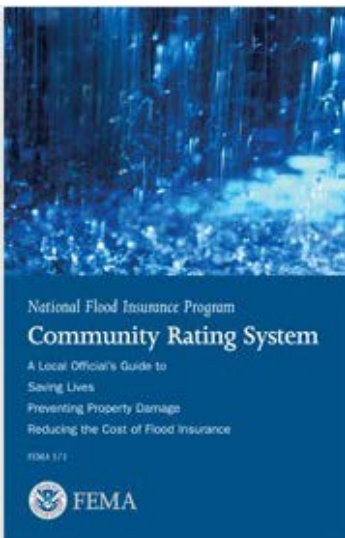
### New Flood Maps

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has finalized the new flood maps which will be effective on August 18, 2014.

Currently, residents and businesses in Broward County are encouraged to view the new flood maps to better understand their potential flood risk and to help identify steps they may need to take to protect against property damage and loss.

Property owners should consider purchasing a flood insurance policy, even if it is not mandated for their location. All areas are susceptible to flooding, although to varying degrees.

Click here to view [Broward FEMA Flood Map Effective August 18, 2014](#).



For additional information about flooding and flood insurance in the City of Weston, visit our web site at:

<http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/Flooding.aspx>

Additional information about the CRS is available on FEMA's web site at <http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/crs.shtm>.

For information about flood insurance, please visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).



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## BROWARD COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES Providing Assistance for Veterans and their Families

Broward County Elderly and Veterans Services Division has state-certified Veterans Services Officers, who are themselves all Veterans, who provide free service and assistance to local veterans and their families.

Services include assistance with application for Veterans benefits and entitlements, needs assessment for other community support services and programs; and referrals to other county and community organizations that offer resources to help veterans and their families achieve self-sufficiency and enhance quality of life.

# Veterans Services

Veteran Services Officers help change the lives of thousands of residents annually, helping to get claims submitted and approved. In one year, they assisted applicants in receiving more than \$9.9 million in benefits.

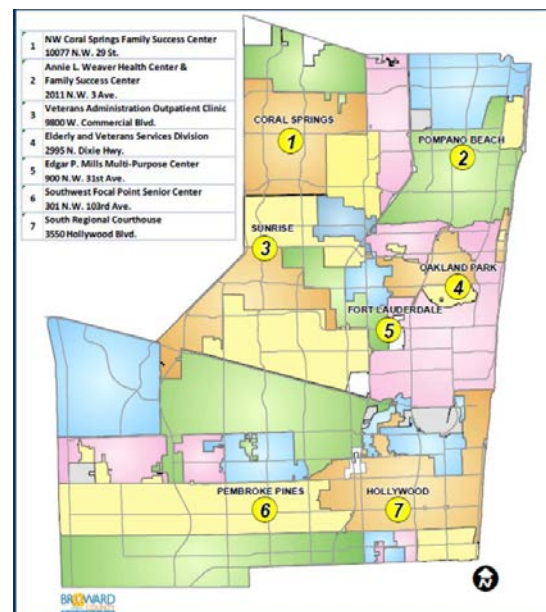
Veterans Services Officers are also available for presentations to homeowner associations and community groups.

The process of applying for and receiving Veterans benefits can be confusing.

For free advocacy assistance, call **954-357-6622**, or visit:

[www.broward.org/HumanServices/ElderlyAndVeterans/Veterans/Pages/](http://www.broward.org/HumanServices/ElderlyAndVeterans/Veterans/Pages/).

There are seven offices in Broward County, highlighted on the map at right.





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## MEMORIAL DAY HISTORY AND TRADITIONS

### Weston City Administrative Offices Closed on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>



**Memorial Day** is a United States federal holiday that is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly known as **Decoration Day**. This holiday commemorates U.S. men and women who have died in military service to their country. It began first to honor Union soldiers who died during the American Civil War. After World War I, it was expanded to include those who died in any war or military action.

Many people observe this holiday by visiting cemeteries and memorials. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. One tradition is to fly the U.S. flag at half-staff from dawn until noon local time. Volunteers place a U.S. flag upon each gravesite located in a National Cemetery.

In addition to remembrance, Memorial Day is also a time for picnics, family gatherings, and sporting events. Some Americans view Memorial Day as the unofficial beginning of summer and Labor Day as the unofficial end of the season.

Please note that the City Administration Offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. All City Parks will be open and there will be regular garbage collection.

**Please take time to remember those who died  
in our Nation's service.**





## ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS TO SHARE WITH THEIR CHILDREN

Does your “child/tween/teen” spend time surfing the web? If so, you need to be wary of things that lurk on the dark side of the Internet. Not only are there viruses, hackers and spammers -- online predators are out there just waiting to pounce on teens in the digital world. In order to keep that happening, below are a few internet safety tips to share with your child.

KEEP YOUR KIDS  
SAFE Online



### 1. Keep your online identity secret...

Don't tell anyone your real name and address or what neighborhood you live in. Even “small clues” like what school you attend or the name of your athletic team is enough for a predator to figure out your identity.

### 2. Your username and password belong to you...

Don't give your username or password to anyone. It's just that simple. What if a friend logs on and pretends to be you, and then says something really awful and gets *you* in trouble?

### 3. The internet has a great memory...

Just because the Internet is so massive does not mean that embarrassing pictures, mean comments, or illegal activities will disappear forever. Watch what you post about yourself or others because you may have to live with it for a long, long time.

### 4. Be good online...

Writing “hate” emails, hacking into other's computers, illegally downloading music and making threats are just as illegal on the Internet as they are in the real world.

### 5. Be careful of the type of photos you post or send...

Posting or emailing risqué pictures of yourself can be dangerous. Images are forever memorialized online, and they are almost impossible to delete. If someone asks you to send them sexual pictures *don't do it*. Alert your parents immediately!

**Parents, stay aware of your children's online habits  
and help keep them safe and educated!**



**FREE BEGINNER SWIM LESSONS AT THE YMCA**  
**May 19<sup>th</sup> – May 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**For children ages 6 months through adults**



# YMCA SPLASH



The Weston YMCA Family Center is offer FREE beginner swim lessons to children ages 6 months through adults at any age. The lessons will be offered between Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Help save the life a child....drowning is the number one cause of death for children ages one to four. Last year, the YMCA of Broward County provided 1,000 beginner swimmers with 4 days of swim lessons.

The Weston YMCA Family Center is located at 20201 Saddle Club Road within the Weston Regional Park. For more information, please call 954-424-9622 or visit [www.ymcabroward.org](http://www.ymcabroward.org).



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## SOCIAL COMMUNICATION STATION *Summer Classes Begin May 27<sup>th</sup>*

### For students with Asperger's Syndrome, High-Functioning Autism, ADD/ADHD or other Social Learning Challenges

Sign up today for the City of Weston's Social Communication Class. It is a pragmatics course for students with a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome, High-Functioning Autism, ADD/ADHD, Social Anxiety, or any other social learning challenges. In the classes, the instructors integrate group activities along with the Social Thinking® and Superflex Curriculums.

Candidates for the class should have average to above average cognitive abilities, as our classes focus on teaching students skills such as:

- perspective taking
- self-awareness and self-regulation
- problem-solving
- understanding emotions
- reading body language and non-verbal clues
- conversation skills



For registration information, email [socialdevelopmentclass@gmail.com](mailto:socialdevelopmentclass@gmail.com), or visit [www.socialcommunicationstation.com](http://www.socialcommunicationstation.com) and complete the online form.

Please include your **child's name**, **age**, and **diagnosis**. You will be contacted for additional information in order to determine appropriate placement.

**Price:** \$225/6-week session  
**When:** Tuesdays; May 27<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>

**Age:** (elementary age), 4:30PM-5:30PM  
(tweens), 5:30PM-6:30PM  
(teens), 6:45PM-7:45PM

*Now accepting Parent Questionnaires for Summer Season*  
[www.socialcommunicationstation.com/parent-questionnaire.html](http://www.socialcommunicationstation.com/parent-questionnaire.html).

Classes are held at the Weston Community Center located inside the Weston Regional Park (20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston).

**For a complete listing of all classes and details,**  
**call the Weston Community Center at 954-389-4321 or**  
**visit our website at [www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation](http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/ParksAndRecreation).**



## WESTON TENNIS CENTER'S ADULT SUMMER CLINICS – REGISTER TODAY!

# ADULT SUMMER CLINICS

*We have something for EVERYONE!*

### MORNING DROP-IN CLINICS

*Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays*

9:00am-10:30am

Members: \$19      Non-Members: \$27

### EVENING DROP-IN CLINICS

*Tuesdays*

7:00pm-8:30pm

Members: \$19      Non-Members: \$27

***Energetic 90 minute sessions comprised of drilling, strategy, and point play situations.***

### TEAM CLINICS

Members: \$15      Non-Members: \$20

**Team A's**

*Tuesdays*

9:00am-10:00am

**Team B's**

*Thursdays*

9:00am-10:00am



**Mixed Doubles**

*Wednesdays*

7:00pm-8:00pm

### Private & Semi-Private Lessons

Please inquire for formats and pricing

**\*Clinic Schedule Begins June 1st, 2014**

**For more information or to sign up for a class NOW, contact Director of Tennis, Steven Browne at 954-651-8626 or Email [s.browne@cliffdrysdale.com](mailto:s.browne@cliffdrysdale.com)**

The Cliff Drysdale Weston Tennis Center is located at 16451 Racquet Club Road, Weston. Visit <http://cliffdrysdale.com/locations/weston-tennis-center> for more information on membership and classes/events.





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## CHRISTMAS IN JULY HELP BROWARD'S HOMELESS CHILDREN

Broward County's homeless children, boys and girls – infant to 18 years need your help! Residents are encouraged to participate in **Christmas in July** by purchasing new children's items and depositing them in collection boxes located at several designated Broward County facilities.



Christmas in July activities culminate with a day filled with entertainment, games, food and gifts that provide homeless children, with new clothing, socks, shoes and underwear. School aged children also receive school supplies for the upcoming school year. Since inception in 2002, Christmas in July has served more than 7,500 children in Broward County.

Please remember that only **NEW** items should be donated for a boy or girl ranging in age from **infants to 19 years old**.

The following list is a suggested list of items for donation ranked by need:

**Undergarments (toddler through teens) – Shoes/Socks/Belts**  
**Clothing (newborns through teens) – Diapers/Pull-Ups/Wipes**  
**Toiletries – School Supplies – Books – Toys/Games**

Collections will take place through July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Weston Branch Library is a designated collection location.

The Library is located at 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard.

**For more information and a complete list of collection locations, please visit [www.broward.org/residents/Pages/ChristmasinJuly.aspx](http://www.broward.org/residents/Pages/ChristmasinJuly.aspx).**



## TAKE THE CULTURE CRAWL DISCOVER ART & CULTURE IN BROWARD COUNTY



This dynamic online **Culture Crawl** is one of the many free services offered by Broward County to its residents and visitors.

Created on a GIS mapping platform by Broward County GIS, the listing of arts venues, which offer a wide variety of cultural arts programming, are all located within Broward County. Sorted by location on an interactive map, the online Culture Crawl provides quick and easy access to the physical address, an image of the venue and the website link.

The full-scale map plots major thoroughfares, making it convenient to navigate to these arts venues! The tour, which is designed for use on smartphones, tablets and computers, is a convenient resource when planning a family event.

For additional cultural event information, visit the **Cultural Division website** or for a direct link to the Culture Crawl website, visit <http://bcgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/>.



## UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



### **CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM**

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

**Location:** Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



### **MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED**

**Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

All City Administrative Offices will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. The City of Weston, along with our nation, honors those who died while serving in the US Armed Forces.

*All city parks will remain open and there will be regularly scheduled recycling and garbage collection.*



### **JUNIOR TENNIS PARTY**

**Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 1:00PM**

No tennis experience required! Fun games, prizes, food and drink. Free to Junior Program participants and \$5 for all others. For additional information or to sign up call 954-389-8666 or email [w.schuetz@cliffdrysdale.com](mailto:w.schuetz@cliffdrysdale.com)

**Location:** Weston Tennis Center, 1645 Racquet Club Road



### **CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00PM**

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

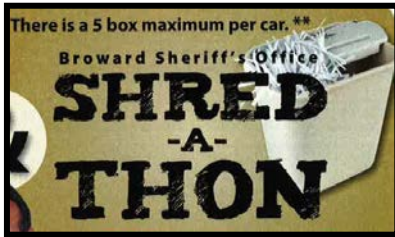
**Location:** Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.

**CLICK ON PAGE FOR MORE EVENTS!!!**





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**BSO SHRED-a-THON & OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET – Free!**  
**Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 9AM-12PM**

Residents can shred away identity theft by safely disposing of their personal documents, check stubs, credit card offers, receipts and any other material that might contain sensitive data. Operation Medicine Cabinet collects any unused, unwanted or expired medications for safe disposal. Come early and receive a \$5 gift card while supplies last.

For more information, call 954-389-2010.

**Location:** Weston Police Services Building, 17300 Royal Palm Blvd.



**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM**

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission.

**Location:** Weston City Hall, 17200 Royal Palm Blvd.



**PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

View photos and narratives of progress within both Peace Mound and Emerald Estates Parks.

**Peace Mound Park:**

[http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Peace\\_Mound\\_Park\\_Blog.pdf](http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Peace_Mound_Park_Blog.pdf)

**Emerald Estates Park:**

[http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Emerald\\_Estates\\_Park\\_Blog.pdf](http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/Emerald_Estates_Park_Blog.pdf)



**2014 WESTON JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE APPLICATION**  
**Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Parade starts at 10:30AM**

All groups, organizations, businesses and bands are welcome! Join us for a 4<sup>th</sup> of July tradition and walk or ride with our City Commission and this year's Grand Marshal Mr. Roy Rogers, in Weston's biggest and most exciting event of the year.

**Registration is FREE!** The deadline to enter is Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Parade spaces fill up quickly so register early.

**Download a parade application and get this party started!** For additional information call 954-389-4321.

[http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2014\\_Parade\\_Application.pdf](http://www.westonfl.org/media/docs/misc/2014_Parade_Application.pdf)





### EMS GO PACKET INITIATIVE

**BSO Weston Fire Rescue** – Is offering the EMS Go Packet free to residents. It is designed to contain all of your important medical information and legal documents to place in an accessible spot such as bedroom or inside of front door so that EMS and hospital personnel can be immediately aware of your medical conditions and adhere to your rights as a patient. **Call Fire Station No.81 at 954-389-2015.**



### CPR SAFE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

**BSO Weston Fire Rescue** - This program offers FREE CPR classes to residents, organizations and businesses and their employees. Convenient weeknight and weekend CPR classes are offered as well as training right at your own location at a time convenient for you (min. 8 persons). Call 954-389-2015 today.



### SMOKE ALARM AND BATTERY REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

**BSO Weston Fire Rescue** - This program is designed to reach resident seniors or the disabled who are unable to safely install smoke alarms and/or replace the batteries in existing alarms. Call 954-389-2015 to schedule this FREE service for our Weston residents.



### WESTON DELIVERS THE LATEST NEWS DIRECTLY TO YOUR INBOX

**Select from two options** (we recommend BOTH):

**Newsday Tuesday:** A collection of city news articles, information and events.

**General Notifications:** Updates on construction projects; media releases; sports registrations and events.

**Subscribe at** [www.westonfl.org/EmailSubscriptions.aspx](http://www.westonfl.org/EmailSubscriptions.aspx).



### REGISTER FOR CodeRED TODAY

All residents and businesses should register with the City's CodeRED Emergency Notification System. The City will only send out a message on CodeRED in an emergency situation. To register, please visit:

[www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx](http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx).